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DAILY RE ECTS DE VALERA

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TWO VOTES BRING DEFEAT

LONDON, January 9.

At the Daily Eireann meeting to-day, Mr. De Valera formally submitted the resignation of himself and his cabinet.

LATER.

The Daily has rejected the motion for the re-election of Mr. De Valera as president by 60 votes to 58.

DE VALERA'S IGNORED PROMISE.

LONDON, January 9.

Mr. De Valera promised to support the ratification of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in their object to secure complete independence and not actively to interfere as long as the ratification supporters were not injuring the Irish nation.

CANNES CONFERENCE.

FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEET.

AGREEMENT CONSIDERED NEAR.

CANNES, January 9.

British, French, Belgian and Italian financial experts conferred in the morning with regard to the amount to be paid by Germany, the effect of a moratorium for Germany on each of the allies, the guarantees to be demanded from Germany, and the carrying of the necessary financial reforms in Germany. It is generally opined that agreement is near.

EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM PLAN.

CANNES, January 9.

The conference decided to invite the Germans to attend on January 11. The economic committee finally settled the European consortium question abandoning the proposal for a £20,000,000 corporation and substituting a British corporation capitalised at £2,000,000 subscribed by affiliated companies while the nations concerned will register subsidiary corporations therein in their respective countries.

LENIN ACCEPTS.

CANNES, January 9.

Lenin has accepted the invitation to the Geneva conference. He will attend personally if the situation permits. Otherwise he will appoint plenipotentiaries.

PRINCE'S BURMESE VISIT.

QUAINT AQUATIC SPORTS.

FAIRYLIKE SCENE AT NIGHT.

LONDON, January 9.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Rangoon from Mandalay on Sunday evening after a visit crowded with oriental splendour and hearty enthusiasm. The Prince has quite captured the heart of the Burmese, even the polo players sending a message of loyal greeting. On Monday he attended a Burmese regatta at the royal lakes, embarking on a wonderful karweik paung or royal barge beating a green and golden pandal. He saw quaint aquatic sports, also Burmese boxing in which victory seemed to be with the combatant who jumped, twisted and shouted most. The illuminations at night made the scene one of fairylike wonderment. Seven miles of the lake's shores were lit with 120,000 Chinese lanterns and lamps with huge coloured flags on Crow Island which threw up half Rangoon in lambent glory. On Tuesday morning the Prince sailed for Madras.

SHIPBUILDING DEPRESSION.

LATEST LLOYD'S RETURNS.

UNITED KINGDOM'S PROGRAMME.

LONDON, January 9.

The world-wide depression in shipbuilding is reflected in Lloyd's returns showing 2,400,000 tons of merchant tonnage under construction in the United Kingdom on December 31, including over 700,000 on which work had been suspended. This is a reduction of over 600,000 tons compared with September 30 but the tonnage launched has increased over 150,000 and the tonnage commenced has slightly increased for the first time since September, 1920.

Merchant tonnage building abroad is over 1,800,000, including 400,000 tons on which work has been suspended. This is a decrease of over 400,000 tons, compared with September 30.

LONDON SILVER PRICES.

MARKET CLOSES UNCERTAIN.

LONDON, January 9.

Silver's three five four three five and two. There was some Indian buying and the Continent sold. The market closed uncertain.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 27 5/8.

To-day's opening rate 27 5/8.

AIRCRAFT LIMITATION IMPOSSIBLE

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE DECISION.

"WOULD RETARD COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT."

WASHINGTON, January 9.

Five powers have come to the conclusion that it is at present impossible to limit the development and use of aircraft and have passed a resolution recommending the creation in future of an international commission composed of technical and legal experts to study the question with a view to future limitation. The naval limitation treaty as drafted by the experts is understood to forbid merchantmen of over 10,000 tons being converted into auxiliary naval craft in wartime. Ships under 10,000 tons would, if converted, come within the rule limiting armaments to guns of a maximum of eight inch calibre.

The committee adopted substantially the sub-committee's report expressing the opinion that the limitation of a craft in warfare would retard commercial development.

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE.

LATER.

Possibility that the question of the American merchant marine in its international bearing may be submitted to the conference is indicated by an announcement by Mr. Lusk, Chairman of the Shipping Board, who has presented to President Harding a plan proposing inter alia agreement on the theory that the merchant marine is indissolubly linked with the navy, whereby American ships carry at least 50 per cent. of all American exports, also a definite understanding on the question of converting merchantmen in wartime.

JAPANESE COMMERCIAL MISSION.

MANCHESTER VISIT.

"CHINA JAPAN'S CHIEF MARKET."

LONDON, January 9.

The Japanese commercial mission received a civic welcome headed by the Lord Mayor on arrival at Manchester. It visited the ship canal and the royal exchange. A subsequent luncheon was provided over by Sir Edward Stockton, President of the Chamber of Commerce, who advocated co-operation rather than jealousy between the two countries, and said that while Japan looked to English manufacturers for the world's best spinning machinery, the English might be grudging Japan the progress she had made in supplying China and India with cotton goods. He pointed out, however, that Japan no longer had cheap labour or skilled operatives as in Great Britain who stuck to their calling in and out of season. Japan realised that the future of the cotton-spinning enterprise was not very encouraging and had come to the conclusion that she could not compete with Britain in first class goods. China was Japan's chief market but he believed China would eventually become England's and Japan's competitor. Mr. Matsumoto, referring to prospective Chinese competition, asked whether it was not worth while in combination with Japan to erect mills for the manufacture of a finer quality of cotton goods in China.

CANNES MOTOR COLLISION.

AMBASSADOR AND EDITOR SHAKEN.

CANNES, January 9.

Colonel Harvey, the American Ambassador to Britain, also the American Minister at Prague and Mr. Wickham Steed, Editor of the Times, were in a motor collision. Colonel Harvey and Mr. Steed were thrown out and shaken but they were not badly hurt and will probably be confined to their rooms for a couple of days only.

HOME INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

APPARENTLY SUBSIDING.

LONDON, January 9.

The influenza epidemic in Britain is apparently subsiding, although there are still many cases in London. Elsewhere the disease is mild but its after effects are dangerous. There were 413 deaths and 1,235 cases of pneumonia last week compared with 392 and 1,770 respectively during the worst week of the epidemic in March of 1920.

THE STEEL CONTRACT.

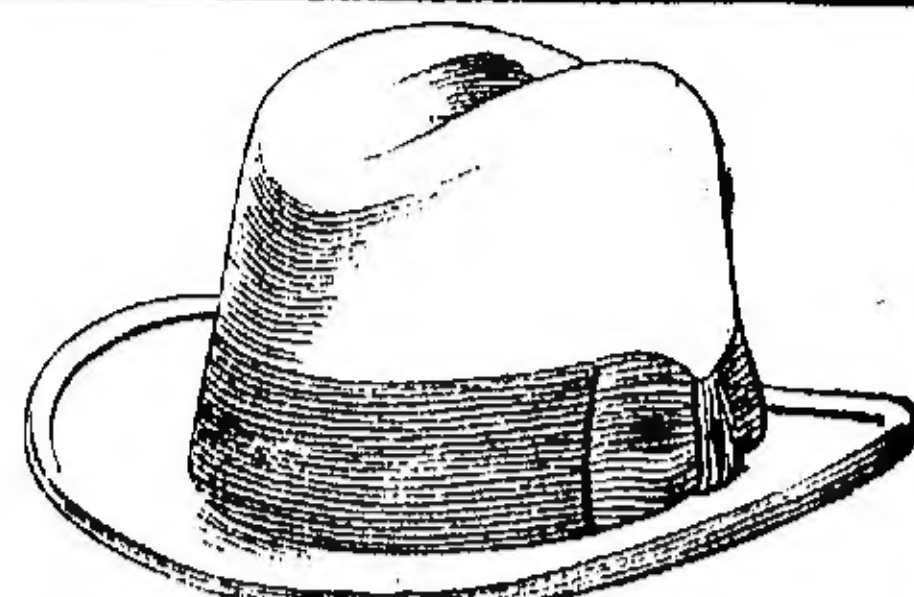
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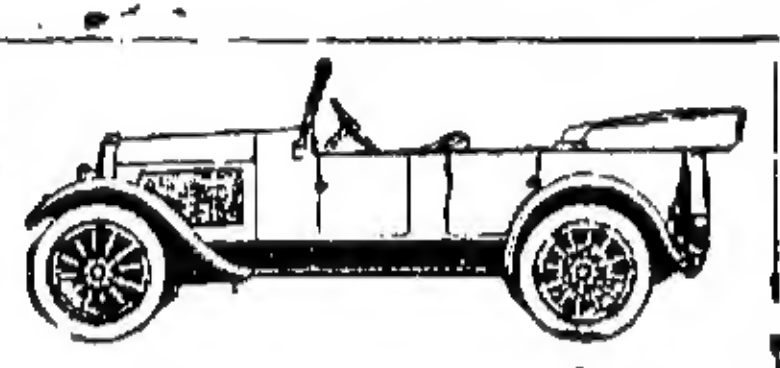
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SHIPPING.

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA

SHIPOWNERS' ANXIETY.

The final session of the International Shipping Conference was held at the Hotel Victoria, Sir Owen Philipps, the president of the Chamber of Shipping, presiding.

The Chairman initiated a discussion on life-saving appliances and radio-telegraphy at sea. He said the Convention of London originated out of the circumstances which attended the inquiry into the Titanic disaster. Shipowners were anxious to co-operate in evolving a system of regulations which would not only be practicable but efficient, and in that task British shipowners were prepared to do their share.

Sir Alan Anderson submitted a resolution that the conference approved of certain principles named in the resolution as the basis of any further consideration of that part of the Convention of safety of life at sea which more particularly related to the life-saving appliances. It was set out that:

Safety of life at sea depends upon the care of the navigator and upon the type and design of the vessel much more than upon life-saving appliances. The study and satisfactory qualities of the vessel itself must be regarded as of primary importance, and every other provision made against possible disaster must be subordinated to that primary consideration. In regulations providing for boats and other life-saving appliances it is essential that the safety of the vessel itself should not be impaired, and that the deck should not be unduly encumbered, and that prompt handling of those boats which are adequate for all but extraordinary and exceptional disasters should not be hampered by the provision of additional boats.

That in any going passenger vessel, as defined in Article 3 of Convention of 1911, should carry life-saving appliances for all on board, which should consist of both boat and buoyancy apparatus, the number of boats should be the greatest which can be carried under davits with due regard to the safety of the vessel and the prompt handling of such boats. It is undesirable to formulate hard and fast rules for the design of buoyancy apparatus, each of which should be considered on its merits, so as to afford the greatest possible scope to shipowners, their naval architects, and shipbuilders to devise efficient apparatus and to provide for the seaworthiness of such apparatus in a manner best calculated to attain the object in view.

As to wireless telegraphy, the resolution pointed out that as international conventions became valuable if contracting Governments applied different rules to all ships visiting their ports, the attention of Governments signatory to the Convention should be called to instances where the international accord of the Convention has been disturbed by any particular regulations. It was essential that a free market in installations should be maintained so long as merchant ships were compelled to carry wireless. The legal obligation to install wireless on merchant ships is justified only by the desire to save life, and shipowners should be left complete freedom to deal with improvement or amplification of wireless installations. The resolution continued:

As the introduction of wireless telegraphy has revolutionised the problem of saving life at sea, and as it has already been proved that the attempt to maintain constant communication by human agency cannot be made effective, an automatic alarm device should as soon as practicable be approved and permitted to take the place of the human watchman, as provided in Article 34 of Convention, 1911, and, if necessary for this purpose, the international code should be altered in order that the alarm call can be taken by automatic device. The legal obligation on ships which are compelled to carry wireless should be limited to the efficient operation of wireless for life-saving emergency, and a limited knowledge of wireless sufficient for these life-saving duties should be a qualification for a certificate to be held by a member of such ship's company, so that no idle men will have to be carried to fulfil this exceptional duty.

Sir Alan Anderson said that every shipowner was keenly desirous of saving life at sea. In nineteen years to 1911 there were carried across the Atlantic 9,500,000 people and eighty five lost their lives. That was a complete immunity as they could safely get. The first thing was to have good ships, good captains, and the means at their disposal of avoiding disaster. The second line of defence was to get help quickly when the disaster occurred. It was in that direction that the suggestions about wireless referred. Nothing ought to be done either to endanger the safety of the ship or to hamper in any

"DAMAGED GOODS."

MARRIAGE VALUE REDUCED.

"Plaintiff is damaged goods," her marriage value having depreciated through being reduced," said Mr. Young, solicitor for Miss Miriam Elsie Hallam, aged twenty-three, a milliner's assistant, of East Kirby, Nott who was awarded £50 damages in the Sheriff's Court at Nottingham, against Samuel Henry Wright, a certificated elementary school teacher, for breach of promise of marriage.

Miss Hallam said she became engaged to Wright in 1916, and when he went abroad she spent all her spare time in sending him parcels. Improper intercourse took place later, and reference was made to the fact in Wright's letters, which he asked her to burn, as he was ashamed of them.

Mr. Young said the letters were of such a character that he dare not read them in open court before a mixed jury. "I can quite understand his shame," commented Mr. Young, "seeing that he was engaged in teaching and leading the young along the moral path of life."

"He told me after he was demobilised that his feelings had changed," said Miss Hallam. "He said that there was no other girl, but he was absorbed in cricket. Within a fortnight he was seen walking out with another girl. He admitted that he was engaged again." Mr. Wright stated in reply to a question concerning his relations with Miss Hallam, "Like Adam, I was tempted by the woman."

It was stated that Wright was now engaged to another young lady, while the plaintiff was walking out with a boy who was on probation, as she might learn to love him later.

way the getting into the water of too comparatively few boats which could in most disasters be safely launched. Referring to the taking of an alarm call on an automatic device, Sir Alan said they all believed there was no practical difficulty in having an automatic device. It was not expensive, and they believed further that there was no practical difficulty in looking after the wireless installations or in training people to use the Morse code on wireless, just as their navigators to day used, rather slowly perhaps, the Morse code with flash lamps.

Sir Alan also moved a resolution: That each association of shipowners represented at the conference should nominate representatives to serve on a committee to investigate and report upon the details of such modifications in respect of life-saving appliances and wireless telegraphy in the Convention of London as might appear necessary in the light of experience and upon the basis of the principles accepted by the conference and to take such steps as might be necessary to secure the international adoption and application of such modifications by the Governments concerned, and that the committee should have power to secure the assistance from time to time of technical assessors and others in an advisory capacity, and to determine the time and place of its meetings.

The resolution was seconded by Dr. Knottenbelt (Holland), and was supported by Mr. A. P. Moeller (Denmark), Mr. W. F. Gibbs (United States), Mr. Gustav Henriksen (Norway), and Commodore Hans Ericson (Sweden). Sir Norman Hill, dealing with criticisms which had been made by some of the foreign delegates of the influence of British legislation, pointed out that Parliament, and not British shipowners, were responsible for it. As chairman of the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee, he recalled the terms of the report which was adopted in 1912. He said that in important respects the recommendations were departed from by Parliament, and expert advice was ignored. "It is with great bitterness that I recall the number of lives which were lost during the war because our advice was ignored," he remarked.

The resolutions were adopted. The conference unanimously endorsed Sir Alan Anderson's motion.

Another resolution was adopted recording the appreciation of the conference of the services rendered to international commerce by the successful efforts extending over many years of the Comité Maritime International and the International Law Association, including the Maritime Law Committee, and expressing its gratitude to the presidents, members, and secretaries of those bodies for the invaluable work which they had done. Sir Frederick Lewis, in proposing the resolution of thanks referred especially to the notable work which had been done by Sir Henry Duke, in particular his recent invaluable work at the Hague. Reference was also specially made to the obligation under which his Excellency Louis Frank and Dr. O. H. Blumhagen had placed the shipping community.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

CANNES CONFERENCE.

PARIS, January 9th.
A French semi-official bulletin from Cannes, dealing with the Anglo-French conversations on the subject of the agreement, says it is understood that the two Powers have already in mind the possibility of an agreement, notably, concerning the use of unprovoked German aggression. It is believed that the two Powers would undertake to lend one another military and naval assistance to a minimum not yet determined. France, making her offer on land and Britain on the sea. The agreement, which is asked to join the agreement. The message says that with the assistance of the assistance of the British fleet France would be able to adapt her naval building programme to new conditions.

The message further suggests that a related plan is being considered for a treaty, signed by all the Powers in Europe, engaging to abstain from aggression against one another, but owing to its complexity it may be impossible finally to conclude agreements at the present sitting.

PARIS, January 9th.
The Cabinet has decided to send the Supreme Council's invitation to send a delegation to Paris.

PARIS, January 9th.
The idea, born of the Cannes Conference of restoring the Entente Cordiale on the basis of a formal defensive pact, is received everywhere with great favour as heralding well-nigh everlasting peace in Europe.

A delegation of the British Legion arrived at Cannes on a visit to French comrades, which was the occasion of a great manifestation of Franco-British mutual goodwill and sympathy. In a speech the British Major Dudley Taylor, President of the Inter-Ally Federation, stated that no cloud must ever hang over Franco-British friendship. The British people will stand by their ally in any circumstances. Telegrams urging the conclusion of the Alliance were sent to M. Briand and Mr. Lloyd George.

RUSSIA AND MONGOL

LONDON, January 9th.
It is reported from Moscow and Peking that a Russo-Mongolian Agreement has been concluded. The parties agree to a mutual recognition and undertake not to tolerate the presence of organisations hostile to the other. They guarantee most favoured nation treatment in trade. An agreement will shortly be concluded by the Bolsheviks hoping to secure large quantities of food from Mongolia.

SOUTH AFRICAN LABOUR TROUBLE.

JOHANNESBURG, January 9th.
The Industrial Federation has declared a strike commencing on January 9th. This means the extension of the coal mine strike to the gold mines, Victoria Falls power station and town engineering shops. It is believed that the ballot resulted in a 10 to 1 majority in favour of the strike.

A BIG FORTUNE

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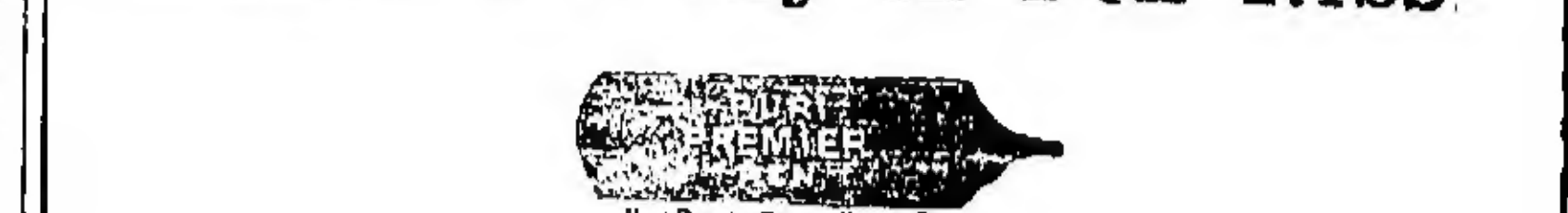
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is much that would interest them. Possession Point, the Chinese locality mentioned in a special article to-day, would give them a satisfactory hour, and our city has many such "bits." The ship signs alone, in the right quarters, would amuse them, as when a sign painter in error takes to paint "sthetical and picturesque" signs. The intention is plain enough when the shock of the spelling has faded. Now by is what may be an oculist's advertisement, on a very large scale. Two male figures in European dress are looking up at an enormous eye. The taller of the two, with his tongue in his cheek and a most offensive leer, seems to be telling the other that there is an eye that sees. The other, bored, but conscientiously polite, looks as if he might be saying, "Pray continue." Your narrative interests me. There are all the queer little trades, conducted in the open that may be watched. Someone should really produce a Guide to our City, with these considerations in mind.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Price, who has been the American Vice-Consul at Canton, has been promoted to the post of Consul at Foochow. He has left Canton for Foochow.

Among the passengers who arrived here yesterday by the S.S. "Sawa Maru" were Mr. Ho Fook and the Misses Ho, who have been on a brief trip to the North.

According to telegrams from Peking to the Chinese press, the Peking Government has formally agreed to return the German Consulate building at Shanghai to its former owners.

Owing to alterations to the supply mains to Kowloon Peninsula, water in the distribution mains will be cut off between the hours of 8 p.m. on Thursday, (Jan. 12) and 6 a.m. on Friday, (Jan. 13).

Whilst sailing a small yacht on the harbour on Saturday, Police Sergeant Morton had an unpleasant experience. His craft capsized and he got a ducking. A launch picked him up, however, and towed his yacht to the Quay.

The Kowloon Theatre orchestra has been further strengthened for tonight's special \$1.50 dance (evening dress requested) and another thoroughly enjoyable night is assured. Dancing, for which the commodious floor has few equals in the Colony, will continue until one o'clock.

Found in possession of 109 tacks of prepared non-Government opium on board the s.s. "Sutau" when it arrived from Macao yesterday, a Chinese charged before Magistrate Wood this morning at the instance of Chief Preventive Officer Watt received nine months' hard labour.

A Chinese passenger from Singapore to Amoy by the s.s. "Hongwa" died on board at 11 o'clock yesterday morning while the vessel was lying in Kowloon Dock. The body was removed to the Kowloon mortuary, where on examination death was found to have been due to consumption.

Further outbreaks of piracy are reported in the Chinese press, including several cases on the Huangpu. The Huangpu bands are thought by the Chinese press to be young men who own boats and spend the proceeds of their plundering at gambling houses and other resorts in the foreign settlements.

A correspondent in a Shanghai paper is seeking an answer to the following question: What nationality is a child of French parents, who was born on a British steamer abroad of the Chinese coast? Is he Chinese, French or British? On the answer depends financial loss or gain by the parties concerned.

"At other places I started work at 8.30 a.m., had Saturday afternoons and Sundays off worked in better conditions and got more money," stated Ernest Beddall at the British Court, Shanghai, when giving evidence before Judge Peter Grain in his claim against the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company for \$2,500 damages for wrongful dismissal.

The flagship of the French Far Eastern Squadron, conveying General Joffre and his party, will arrive in Yokohama on January 20, according to a report to the Asahi. Arrangements are being made for the dispatch of a squadron from the Yokohama Naval Station to meet the French ship at the mouth of Yokohama harbour. General Joffre will stay in Japan for three weeks, during the first of which he will be received as the guest of the nation.

SPECIAL CABLES.

OUR NEW G.O.C.

MAJOR-GENERAL FOWLER SAILS FOR HONGKONG.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Jan. 9. Major-General Fowler left for Hongkong to-day on board the "Himalaya." Lady Fowler and the two Misses Fowler accompany him. Major-General J. S. Fowler, C.B., C.M.G., who has been appointed to the command of the troops in China, commanded the troops in the Straits Settlements since February last. Major-General Fowler passed his regimental service in the South Lancashire Regiment, and the Indian Army, joining the latter in 1885 after two years' service in the former. He reached the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1907, brigadier general in 1914, and major general in 1917. As a company officer he served in the Izumi Expedition, 1892, took part in the Chitral campaign of 1895, in the course of which he was in the defence of the British post at Rehan, was wounded, and subsequently shared in other affairs (mentioned in despatches). D.S.O. medal with clasp. He was engaged in both the Mohmand campaign and the Tirah Expedition, 1897, mentioned in despatches, two clasps, and in the South African War of 1900-2 was in various operations in Orange River Colony, and was Director of Telegraphs for some time (mentioned in despatches, promoted brevet major, Queen's and King's medals with five clasps). He earned much distinction in the Great War, commanding a brigade of the Indian Expeditionary Force.

KWONGLEE PIRACY REWARD.

STRANDED YANGTZE STEAMER REFLOATED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, January 10. The steamer "Changwo" (Indo-China S. N. Co.) is afloat again. She went ashore on Christmas Day in the Yangtze near Hankow. A salvage party was sent from Shanghai. The China Merchants S. N. Co. offers \$3,000 reward for the apprehension of the pirates who robbed the "Kwangwee."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The statutory meeting of the General Exchange Co., Ltd., is advertised for January 20.

In order to avoid clashing with Chinese New Year, the Peak Club fancy dress dance will be held on Thursday, January 26.

Ladies who left articles in the cloak room at the St. George's Hall will be interested in an advertisement appearing in this issue.

Mr. O. C. Nich, chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, has been elected Shanghai representative of the Kiangan Chambers of Commerce.

The wedding took place in Shanghai, on December 30, of Dr. Carl F. Jordan, of the Yangchow Baptist Hospital, to Miss Eva Verlin Sullivan, also of Yangchow.

A heavy snowfall is reported from the northern part of the Main Island of Japan. At several places along the Hokuriku line there has been more than a foot of snow. Traffic on the line was suspended at several points.

U.S.R.C. Members and Subscribers are informed that there will be an additional Dance on Saturday, the 14th January 1922, at the U.S.R.C. Kowloon. A special Peak Tram will run at 12.45 a.m.

The body of a Japanese seaman who died at sea on board the s.s. "Mikasa Maru," a few hours from port, was brought ashore on the vessel's arrival yesterday and removed to the public mortuary.

As the result of a collision with motor cycle No. 30 at the junction of Salisbury Avenue and Nathan Road, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, a ricksha driver received a cut in his left leg requiring treatment at the Kwong Wah Hospital.

An arch is to be erected at the entrance to the Blind Cemetery, Yokohama, as a memorial to the foreign residents of Japan who were killed or died from wounds or diseases while serving with the Allied Forces in the Great War. The memorial is being erected by 100 foreign residents of Yokohama and Tokyo. It is hoped that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will attend the dedication of the arch during his visit to Japan.

THE WAR.

AGAINST SMALLPOX.

[By Our Own War Correspondent.]

POSSESSION POINT, Sunday. The enemy is at Shanghai, and he lived to be a vanquished. Scouts report that eighty Europeans died in two months. The casualties among Chinese were much greater. The dispositions of our generalissimo, Dr. Woodman, are now seen to be Foch like in their efficiency. The First War Lord, Mr. Sayer, on the advice of the Surgeon-General, Dr. Pearce ordered this offensive, which began early last week. The average number vaccinated each day had risen to something like five thousand. The enemy is seriously disheartened. I was permitted to witness an engagement on this front, Possession Point, yesterday. The St. John's Ambulance Brigade, the Boy Scouts, and the R.A.M.C., bore the brunt of it.

A few words of description of this battlefield are necessary. It is by tradition the place where the British flag was first hoisted on this island. Hence the name. It is an extraordinary enclosure, a city park with concrete instead of grass. It has a few trees which are doing their best, and a drinking fountain in the middle. It has benches, and is one of those places where tired men will not be told by a policeman to "move on." All round it, its fronts all opening towards the middle of it, are little booths where barbers, dentists, and others carry on their businesses. At the back is a restaurant, in rear of which one may see stone querns (the oldest mills in the world) at work, making a thin paste of ground rice which the chaff turns, before your eyes, into a sort of steam cooked macaroni.

Near the entrance two nice looking young gentlemen were giving up their leisure for the commonweal. They had a stall with sterilizing lamps, lint, etc., and were vaccinating all comers at the rate of about one a minute each. The boys were splendid. They came forward, one after another, bared their forearms, had the lymph scratched in with a penknife, bore it stoically, and afterwards on the outskirts of the crowd compared their honourable scars. One bigger fellow's heart failed him after the first preliminary, and he tried to back out; but public opinion was against him. There was a roar of laughter at his nervousness and he was pushed back and went through it. The most interesting case while I watched was a baby in arms. So tiny, and so intelligent looking. His little eyes took in all the faces round him, one after another, with a comical air of grave consideration. He was interested in the first touches on his arm, but not nervous. The first scratch evoked a little wail, and a grimace, but a reassuring grin from the lady who carried him seemed quite enough. He stood the rest heroically. Yet he looked so very little—his hand and arm were not much bigger than a daffodil flower and stem. So hour by hour, youths, men, small boys, babies, all comers, were equipped to resist the expected enemy.

This going on all over the city. The Chinese have responded excellently to the invitation to be prepared.

CITY HALL PIANO RECITAL.

MR. HARRY ORE'S SPLENDID SUCCESS.

That Mr. Harry Ore is a popular pianist was clearly evident from the size of the audience which assembled in the City Hall yesterday evening to hear the fourth recital of his series illustrating the historical development of pianoforte music. That he is also a clever musician was readily apparent from the skill with which he treated an exacting programme drawn from the works of Chopin and Liszt. From the former he selected the Grande Polonaise Brillante, E-flat major, op. 22, and his Second Sonata, E-flat minor, op. 35, and from the latter the First Concerto, E-flat major, adding as an encore, in response to an ovation at the conclusion of the programme, Liszt's eleven Hungarian Rhapsodies. Playing with his usual mastery, Mr. Ore interpreted the Chopin pieces with a fine appreciation of their lyric beauty, exelling himself in his splendid treatment of the third movement of the Second Sonata, the famous Marche Funebre. For Liszt's First Concerto Mr. Ore was ably accompanied by Mr. A. M. Boyes Smith. The result was an artistic triumph which left the audience clamouring for an encore. This was forthcoming, as already mentioned, in one of the same composer's unrivalled Hungarian rhapsodies.

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IN THE SOCIAL SWIM.

TOMORROW'S UNIVERSITY CEREMONY.

I got a little information about the New Year's Eve dance at Repulse Bay from a friend of mine who was lucky enough to get one of the last tables going. She says there were about three hundred and fifty people dining behind the bar, and quite a fair number of people who could not get a table came in afterwards. She thought most of the dresses were the same as those worn at the Hongkong Hotel on Boxing Day, but she noticed Mrs. Lowe as a Persian Lady, dancing with baronet (very plucky in a crowd like that!) and Mrs. Evans, who looked charming in her national dress. She could not give me any more information. On Monday afternoon I went across to Kowloon for the children's sports on the K.C.C. ground. The Wiltshire Band was in attendance and there were sports of all kinds for the children. H. E. was present and Lady Stubbs presented the prizes. Dr. Forsyth was President and Mr. Lindsell Vice President of the committee.

On Tuesday I was taken to a Chinese dinner. It took place in one of the big Chinese restaurants near Kennedy Town. We arrived at about 9 and had what was called a private room, that is to say, it had two swing doors and anyone who wanted to could walk in at one end and out at the other. Not much like a cabinet *parti-cher-n'est-ce pas?* I was rather hungry but no one seemed to think of dining. True, we had some dried melon seeds which you apparently had to chew and spit out on the floor. They then sent for ladies as every guest apparently had to have a lady they sat alongside of you. They got a dollar for their chow. Eventually, after my host and the waiter to make up as I could not play, had played some Chinese game which seemed to be a mixture between poker and dominoes, we had dinner somewhere about eleven. I was hungry. I have visions of chasing hot prawns about the table with my chopsticks, of having some quite nice sharks' fin jelly, of having some blobs of probably pork which I had frankly to take in my fingers, as I could not manage the chopsticks any more, and then some dish at the end, which was placed in the middle, and we were all supposed to shove the contents into our mouths as hard as we could—with of course the chopsticks. The whole was washed down with a Chinese wine, so sweet that I could hardly touch it. My host said "you could not get a dinner like that at the Ritz." "No," I answered, "you certainly could not." But I did not mean what he meant. Of course I missed the last tram and had to climb up to the Peak and I had nearly a tin of biscuits and drank two whiskies and soda. I have finished with Chinese dinners, thank you very much, and my better half only laughed when I told him about it and said I was a silly fool not to have dined at the Hongkong Hotel with him.

I see the "Durban" has arrived in and Captain Behari is back again. On Wednesday, Lady Stubbs gave a big children's party at Government House. My informant, aged six, who told me all about it in the tram coming back seemed to have enjoyed himself very much. There was a Father Christmas, who distributed presents, and a cinema, and he pronounced it the best show he had this year.

On Friday, we all went to St. George's Hall. There did not seem to be so many people there as usual, which made dancing easier. The decorations were on the simpler side, and a very good thing too, when one remembers the last two years when St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies entered into a competition as to which should outdo the other. H.E. and Lady Stubbs were present, and I also noticed the Admiral and Miss Duff, Sir George and Lady Kirkpatrick, Sir William and Lady Rees Davies, Sir William and Lady Brunyate, Dr. and Mrs. Claud Severn, the Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the Wiltshires were in attendance. Mr. Edkins was in the chair and after the usual loyal toast he proposed the toast of "England" which was enthusiastically honoured. It was nearly half past two when "God Save the King" was played and it was a very happy company that dispersed homewards.

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On the occasion of the 8th Congregation at the University to-morrow, tea will be served in the Union Building from 4 o'clock to 4.45 p.m. At 5 p.m. a procession, including Members of the Court, Council, Senate and Staff of the University will enter the Great Hall. Members in the procession will assemble and enter the Vice-Chancellor's room at 4.45 p.m. After His Excellency the Chancellor has taken his seat and declared the Congregation open, the University Anthem will be played by the band of the 2nd Battalion of the Wiltshires. The Vice-Chancellor will then present for the Degree of Doctor of Laws (*Honoris Causa*) Sir Charles Addy, K.C.M.G., and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., B.C.L., O.B.E. The Graduates in Medicine, Engineering and Arts will then be presented by the Deans of their Faculties.

The Honorary Graduates will then speak, after which the Chancellor will declare the Congregation closed.

The procession will then return to the Vice-Chancellor's room. The Chancellor and Senate have invited the Governor of Canton to be present and General Chen Chiang-ming has appointed Mr. Fung Yu-fong, the assistant Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, to attend on his behalf.

A Northern paper recommends its readers to look closely at any bank notes—particularly of the larger denominations—tendered to them as recently a very clever falsification was brought to the notice of the *Central China Post*. A five-dollar note of the foreign banks of Shanghai had been most ingeniously converted into \$50 by the process of pasting over the original denomination on the larger figures and wording neatly printed on very thin paper. The forgery is so excellently perpetrated that it seems probable the specimen is one of a considerable number.

I hear Commander Hartford has arrived in Hongkong and that his marriage with Mrs. Ross will take place shortly. Another naval wedding soon to come off is that of Miss Rose Edkins and Lieut. Nicolls.

A beautiful woman with a rosy accent is like a cold sudden tea cake. I heard it the other day, and think it is rather nice, don't you? There was a Polo Gymkhana on the polo ground on Saturday with various events for ladies. The attendance was fair. The Band of the Wiltshires played during the afternoon, and the members of the Polo Club were at home to their friends. The Wiltshires will be a great loss to the polo. Let us hope the new regiment will bring some players. The prospectus is out for the race meeting, which takes place on the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 25th of February. Racing begins at 12 noon each day, with of course, the usual tiffin intervals, which is by no means the least interesting part of the meeting. I hear the griffins this year are quite a good lot.

Another interesting engagement will probably be announced in the course of the next few days. I cannot say any more at present, as it has not yet been officially given out.

There is a certain station in the North and they have an A.D.C. Not that they ever put on any plays. Once in the prehistoric ages they did put one on and they have lived on the memories of it ever since—"Oh Mrs. X, how splendid you were, why you were better than Ellen Terry at her best!" "You flatter me, Mr. Y, but I am sure George Alexander could have learned a thing or two from you,"—and so on and so forth. Now there came a young and keen amateur actor and when he found nothing would induce them to put on a play, he cast on himself and went round to ask for the loan of the theatre. That flattered the doves, and two days afterwards he got a letter putting him on the committee. They always say a reformed poacher makes the best game hunter. However it had one good effect. They actually put on a play the next Christmas. *Apologies* when are our A.D.C. going to give us another play? Are they waiting till Mr. Sinclair returns from home?

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CAMERON. On December 3, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Cameron, a son.
WATSON. On January 2, 1922, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson, a son.
LOWDER. On December 31, 1921, at Victoria, B.C., to H.G. Lowder (Chinese Customs) a son.
HRYGATE. On January 3, 1922, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hrygate, a son.

DEATH.
NAZER. On January 3, 1922, at Shanghai, after a long and painful illness, Stewart St. Clair ("Taxi"), second son of the late Joint Stewart and Mrs. F. Nazer, of Shanghai. Aged 55.

The China Mail
"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 10 1922

HONGKONG AND ITS VISITORS.
From time to time earnest and well-meaning people urge that more should be done to advertise the attractions of Hongkong for visitors, to induce more to come, to persuade them to stay longer, and incidentally to make them leave us some of their money. All of which sounds very laudable and patriotic, but is just at this time premature. It may be desirable by and by to begin to think of Hongkong as a tourist resort, and it is not to be denied that the place has much to boast of, but for the present we are a commercial warehouse, handling Chinese goods

NEW YEAR PREPARE.

LEAD TO COURT MARTIAL.

WITNESSES ALL LYING.

A prisoner of German lands for nearly three years of the war, who was captured by the British, appeared before a court-martial at the Hong Kong Court of Session yesterday. The prisoner, who was named as "John Doe," was charged with the murder of a British soldier. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to hang.

The prisoner was brought before the court by a British officer. He was dressed in a dark uniform and had a serious expression on his face. The court was composed of three British officers and a Chinese interpreter.

The prisoner was asked by the prosecutor if he was the man who had shot the British soldier. He replied that he was. He then told the court that he had been in the army for three years and had been captured by the British. He said that he had been in the army since 1914 and had been in the army for three years.

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CONSTABLES CONVICTED.

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PEPPER SNATCHER.

EUROPEAN LADY'S PLUCKY FIGHT.

Miss Holloway, the daughter of Sergeant Holloway, R. A. O. C., was proceeding down the path leading from Kennedy Road to town, about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when she was accosted by a man who was carrying a pepper in his hand. She refused to give him the pepper and he threatened to harm her. She then fought with him and he fled.

Miss Holloway was then taken to the hospital where she was treated for her injuries. She is now recovering from her injuries and is expected to be discharged soon.

STRANDED 'MANJI MARU'.

The Taikoo 'Manji Maru' has now been sent to the assistance of the M.B.K. cargo steamer 'Manji Maru' which was ashore in the Hainan Straits. The 'Manji Maru' has arrived back and reports that the vessel is in no danger and that the salvage should be effected fairly easily.

A clean bill of health was returned for the colony yesterday. Last week there were reported five cases of diphtheria, four Chinese (one fatal) and one British; two of enteric fever, one Danish (imported) and the other Chinese (fatal); two of small pox, both Chinese (imported); one of paratyphoid fever, British; and one of cerebro spinal fever, Chinese. Two Chinese died from influenza (not notifiable).

H.M.S. 'HAWKINS' BAND.

SUNDAY'S ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

The Orchestral Concert given by the band of H.M.S. 'Hawkins' last Sunday was a very successful one. The programme was very well arranged and the performers played with great skill and enthusiasm.

The programme consisted of a variety of pieces, including a march, a waltz, and a symphony. The band played each piece with great skill and enthusiasm, and the audience enjoyed the concert very much.

The band was led by Mr. S.E.C. Ross, who was assisted by Mr. S.E.C. Ross. The band consisted of 15 members, including 10 musicians and 5 drummers. They played for about an hour and a half.

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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS.

A NEW TRAVELLER'S HANDBOOK.

In view of to-day's leader "Hong Kong and its Visitors," it was a coincidence that this morning's mail should bring from Messrs. Cook and Son, the world-famous tourist agency, an illustrated booklet entitled "Information for Travellers landing at Hong Kong" just published locally. Like all Cook's handbooks, this one is replete with accurate travel information—hotel, shipping, railway, exchange and postal particulars arranged for quick reference. And again like most of Cook's handbooks it contains not a little information, historical and descriptive, extremely interesting to local residents who more often than not, as pointed out in to-day's leader, have only a hazy notion of the attractions ready here for the seeking.

"Hung Hong, the Beauty Spot of the Far East," and "Kau-lung (Nin-Dragon)" with their many places of interest and beauty receive generous treatment, while a special chapter is devoted to motoring and the "sights," along the various routes. Several reproductions of photographs and a useful map of Hong Kong are included, also informative chapters relating to Canton, the West River, Macao Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. Altogether, a handbook that should prove invaluable to travellers and interesting to residents.

The handbook is a very useful one and is well worth a look. It contains a lot of interesting information about Hong Kong and the surrounding area. It is a very good reference book for anyone who is planning to visit Hong Kong.

SPIRIT WORSHIP.

AND THE "GINGER FEAST."

MR. S.E.C. ROSS'S INTERESTING EVIDENCE.

Expert evidence about old Chinese customs was given in the Supreme Court yesterday by Mr. S.E.C. Ross, who formerly acted as Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The case in which he appeared as a witness was the Chinese will dispute which began before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) a few weeks ago and is by no means finished yet.

Discussing the custom of spirit worship Mr. Ross said that the Chinese had three permanent souls—one resided in the family tablet, another in the grave and the third in the place of the dead. On every important occasion the tablets were worshipped and the only difference between worshipping the grave and worshipping the tablets was that if a person did not go to the grave he did not get pork.

A *mu tsai*, said Mr. Ross, was sometimes treated as half a daughter but she gave her no legal position in the family. She could not be resold without the consent of her natural parents and it was considered to be disgraceful to allow her to become a prostitute.

Cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. Ross said the birth of every Chinese male child was reported to the family temple, where the records were kept. The birth was signified by the hanging up of a lantern from which was hung a red tag giving the name. The ceremony took place once a year and was a village celebration. It would be an outrage, to her dead husband Mr. Ross said, for the *kit fat* to swear that the boy Tai Gao was dead and that the plaintiff was an impostor. If the father announced he had a son who was entitled to worship him the woman, by her falsehood, would be depriving him of worship and committing an outrage against filial piety which, to the Chinese view, came first of all the virtues.

Questioned in regard to the celebration which takes place a month after the birth of a child Mr. Ross replied that it was what was known as the "ginger feast." "If you want to ask a lady," he said, "in a polite way if she has had a child, you say 'have you eaten ginger yet?' This ginger feast takes place a month after the child is born."

Is it an important feast? Yes. A very important family ceremony. Can you understand the father taking no apparent interest in it? No, I cannot.

We are told that in this case the concubine's mother arranged the feast at a restaurant for the male friends and at her house for the female friends and the natural father did not show up at either place?—It is rather peculiar. I think the family should have done it.

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CAUGHT IN HIS KITCHEN.

Along Caine Road at a spot near the police quarters where some new houses are being built there is a match shed. It is an ordinary sort of match shed, but somehow or other it aroused the curiosity of C.P.O. Watt and his Revenue men. At 2 o'clock this morning they went along to call on the occupant and found him squatting in front of two furnaces. One had a pan of opium water on top of it, and a pan of opium was simmering above the other. There was a beautifully furnished inner apartment in which was found a tin of illicit prepared opium and there were a couple of pipes and some lamps as well.

C.P.O. Watt brought them all along to show to Magistrate Wood when the man was charged at the Police Court to day. Mr. Watt said he couldn't understand why the strong smell of the opium escaped the notice of the police officers living nearby. It struck him that the accused was carrying on a profitable business with the workmen engaged on the new houses.

Mr. Wood imposed upon the accused a sentence of three months' jail for preparing opium and a fine of \$150, (in default another three months) for having illicit opium in his possession.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE.

A small number of articles left behind in Ladies' Clock Room on night of ST. GEORGE'S BALL, have been returned to Mr. THAVES, Honorary Secretary of the Society, and may be obtained by the owners on application to him at Mr. LUTHERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

G. R.

NOTICE.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, owing to alterations to the supply mains to Kowloon Peninsula, water in the distributing mains will be cut off between the hours of 8 a.m. on THURSDAY, 26th inst., and 6 a.m. on FRIDAY, 27th inst.

T. L. PERKINS, Water Authority.

Public Works Department, Hongkong, January 9, 1922.

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JOHN BENTLEY, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE UNDERSIGNED have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For account of the Concerned.)

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TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year), providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, On Board S/S Kurena

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A black and white photograph showing the lower half of a person wearing high-heeled shoes, standing on a wooden floor. To their right is a table with a lamp and a sign that reads "EDDY MANN". The image is grainy and appears to be a reproduction from a newspaper or magazine.

K. KURIYAMA,
Manager.
Hongkong, Sept. 12, 1931.

